

as a doctor in Jefferson County, Mississippi for over 50 years. Dr. Pandey recently retired in 2020, came to the Jefferson County area in 1969, accompanying her late husband, Dr. Tiwari, Ph.D., who accepted a job offer in the Department of Agriculture at Alcorn State University. Taking the advice of Dr. Tiwari's associates, Dr. Pandey considered Jefferson County, particularly Fayette and set up practice in June 1970.

Dr. Pandey who is now around 85 years old, began her practice in Fayette on Harrison Street. A number of years later, she built the Arbind Clinic on South Main Street, directly across from Jefferson County Hospital. This site remained the home of her practice until her recent retirement.

Dr. Pandey, a native of India, graduated from Panta Medical College in 1958 and completed her internship in 1960. She began practicing medicine in her native country but soon came to America with her husband who worked on a terminal degree at the University of Georgia.

Dr. Pandey began her practice in America at the Central State Hospital at the Milledgeville, Georgia, beginning in December 1967. She left Central State Hospital in Milledgeville and moved to Alcorn State on September 1, 1969.

Dr. Pandey falls into a unique and illustrious group of doctors who have placed dedication and service at the top of their agendas. Dr. Pandey's walls are filled with certificates that attest to her endowments. One special certificate that many doctors do not receive reads that Dr. Pandey was inducted into the 50-Year Club by the American Medical Association in 2008. Another certificate attests to her attainment as Board Certified in Family Medicine.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life, legacy, and service of Dr. Shanti Pandey.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DR.  
DENNIS DEPERRO

**HON. JOHN KATKO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 5, 2021*

Mr. KATKO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Dr. Dennis DePerro, who passed away on March 1, 2021. Dr. DePerro was a champion of higher education, dedicating his life to helping students realize their full potential at universities and colleges across New York State.

Since 2017, Dr. DePerro had served as President of St. Bonaventure University in Allegany, New York. In just four short years, Dr. DePerro established himself as a forward thinking and compassionate leader who cared deeply about the students, faculty, and staff he served. As President of St. Bonaventure, he expanded school enrollment, embraced new academic programs, and improved access to online learning.

To those who were familiar with Dr. DePerro's work, his success at St. Bonaventure was no surprise. For eighteen years, he accomplished similar feats in my district in Central New York as Vice President for Enrollment at Le Moyne College and played a key role in bettering the college and advancing its core mission. Central New York

is immensely grateful to Dr. DePerro for his many contributions to our community.

Beyond his astounding work in higher education, Dr. DePerro enjoyed nothing more than spending time with his wife, Sherry, and two sons, Andrew and Matt. His memory lives on through his family and friends. We join all who knew and admired Dr. DePerro in mourning his life.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House join me in honoring Dr. Dennis DePerro. Throughout his career, Dr. DePerro touched many lives and was a blessing to the students, universities and colleges, and communities he served. The passion and commitment he espoused is an inspiration to us all, and he leaves behind a lasting legacy of work that will continue to positively impact students in Upstate New York.

REMEMBERING ALFREDO  
SANDOVAL

**HON. RAUL RUIZ**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 5, 2021*

Mr. RUIZ. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life of my constituent, Alfredo Sandoval.

Alfredo—or the “Chief” as his kids lovingly nicknamed him—was a decorated combat veteran, a loving father, and a mentor to many.

When Alfredo enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1954, he began a career that took him across the country and around the world. With his wife, Elena, by his side, Alfredo traveled from Brawley, California to Savannah, Georgia to Tokyo to Naples and countless other cities in service to our country.

After returning home to the United States in 1968, he was called on to serve in Vietnam. There, he earned a Bronze Star for his valor in the field. As a member of the First Mobile Communications Group, he received a Presidential Unit Citation, 23 Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards, and a Navy Meritorious Unit Citation.

Alfredo broke down barriers in the Air Force. When he retired in 1984, he had achieved the rank of Chief Master Sergeant. Alfredo truly paved the way for future generations of Hispanic men and women who followed in his footsteps to become Air Force Officers. Our nation owes him a tremendous debt.

Even in retirement, Alfredo continued to uplift and inspire. His family saw him as a man who led by example and helped them find their way in this world. In the words of his granddaughter, “Every time I spoke to him, he would call me his number one. Even when I felt lost . . . he told me to have confidence in who I was and where I was going.” As Alfredo joins his beloved Elena in Heaven, his spirit will continue to guide his children and grandchildren through life.

Alfredo is survived by his children, Alfredo A. Sandoval and Ruben E. Sandoval. His story of service and love of country is recorded in the United States Air Force and Air Force Association's archives, and now, his life story is recorded in our nation's history. Today, we close his chapter in our history just as his son, Alfredo, would say, “Fly safe, Chief.”

MARY IDA OLIVER

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 5, 2021*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mary Ida Oliver (Buccola) of Westminster, Colorado who will turn 95 on April 22, 2021.

Mary Ida was born on April 22, 1926 in Sopris, Colorado. Her childhood was spent as a true “coal miner's daughter.” In her teen years she sold WWII war bonds and spent time as Rosie the UN-riveter.

Mary Ida married the love of her life, A.T. “Bud” Oliver, a WWII pilot. They have been together for over 73 years and have five children, five grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Mary Ida is a devoted wife and loving mother, grandmother and great grandmother. She is also a true Coloradan, living in this great state for her entire life. She is also an avid fan of both the Denver Broncos and Colorado Rockies.

Celebrating ninety-five years is a tremendous milestone and should be celebrated. It is my privilege to wish Mary Ida a very happy birthday and wish her all the best in the future.

HONORING MRS. MAOTHA  
ANDERSON MCDANIEL ROBINSON

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 5, 2021*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable hero, Mrs. Maatha Anderson McDaniel Robinson.

Mrs. Maatha Anderson McDaniel Robinson was born January 29, 1920, in Avon, Mississippi. On Friday, January 29, 2021, a precious gift of life and love, celebrated her 101st birthday with her family and friends.

From her humble beginnings in rural Bolivar and Sunflower Counties, Mrs. Robinson, along with her brother and sister, were raised on a system of integrity premised on the tenets of love, kindness and compassion imparted by their parents. Her parents focus was to instill a central moral compass that echoed the heart of the Good Samaritan and core ethical values encompassed in the importance of work, family, community and the love of God. Known for her kindness and willingness to assist others, Mrs. Robinson has devoted most of her life as the matriarch, not only of her family, but of her community as well as the oldest living female resident of the City of Shaw, Mississippi.

Mrs. Robinson is a God-fearing Christian, a devoted wife and nurturing mother of eight children. She is the living embodiment of a woman of Proverbs 31:10. She is a woman after God's own heart, committed to her faith, her family and her friends. Her faithful membership of Poplar Grove Baptist Church and as a dedicated member of the Heroines of Jericho, has shown her as an upstanding pillar in the community.

Mrs. Robinson remains the archetype icon and central foundation of a family that retains an unbreakable bond of love, honor, devotion,